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AMENDMENT A

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 09/30/2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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***Examiner's Indications***

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-30 are pending in the application; that claims 1-10, 19 and 20 are allowed; that claims 11-13, 17, 25, 26, and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b); that claims 18, 21, 23, 24, 27, and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a); and that claims 14-16, 22, and 29 are objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant, by this Amendment, cancels claims 11-13, 17, 18, 21, 23-28, and 30. Applicant further takes the claims indicated as allowed, and amends claims 14-16, 22 and 29, in accordance with the Examiner's indications for allowability.